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## EUROPE'S WAR-BREEDER.

THE ETERNAL EASTERN QUESTION.

The Balkan Peninsula and Its Swarming Slav Population—Russia's der the lead of Kossuth. Considerations of gratitude would therefore hold her Lust for Constantinople-Two Centuries of War for the Great Gateway-Has Russia or Germany Caused the Present Outbreak?

The Tormesting Eastern Question.

The present excitement in Europe over the Danubian provinces is due to the "Eastern Question," which has been the tormenting ulcer of Europe for the tormenting ulcer of Europe for the Danubian provinces is due to many reasons. In the first place, it covers the outlet from the Black Sea more than four centuries, or ever since the decline of Turkey began. Up until about the time that America was discovered Christian Europe was in a state of continual trepidation over the fear the land highway between Europe and of the Turks overrunning the continent and extinguishing the Christian religion.

Mahometanism had successfully stamped out Christianity in its very cradle, and in all its great centers in Africa Eyzantine Capital. For 200 years now and Asia Minor. It had gotten Spain under what semed to be an unshakable dominion, since it actually lasted 700 Great waged several wars for this purpears; it had taken Constantinople, which was for centuries the head and center of Christianity; it overran Greece
and swept up the Valley of the Danube,
and had repeatedly beaten at the gates
even of Vienna. It was finally stopped
Russia's policy with the other Nations. there, but as the wave receded it still She has endeavored, with more or les



MAP OF THE TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS. The shaded portion shows the Slavonic countries.

left in the possession of the Mahometans success, to carry out Peter's injunctions all of Europe lying east of the last chain of mountains that cross the Danube. This boundary has been maintained to this day, except that the little country of Greece was finally wrested from Turkey by the combined efforts of several European powers. The Turkish power reached its greatest hight in the 16th century. The Turkish fleet was besten Oct. 7, 1571, in the great naval battle of Lepanto, and thus began the rapid decline of the Mahometan power.

The Bunnbian Principalities. The Dunubian Principalities.

While Constantinople itself is largely peopled by the descendants of the original Greeks, now called Fanariots, the Turkish Government, and furnished country around about, including Greece and full the lower values of the Development. and all the lower valley of the Danube, to begin wars which would give her



THE PALACE AT BELGRADE. -It was here that King Peter's predecessor, King Alexander, was murdered, with his Queen, Draga.

and settle. Slavs are like the negros in however, has never been a redoubtable taelr amazing prolincacy. They have great families of dull, unenterprising, ignerant children, and if left alone they will increase with astonishing r idity. Very singularly, these people are all fanatical Christians, and in spite of the persecutions and oppression of the Turke upon Christians, they have remained true to the Greek Catholic faith, This is about the only evidence they

give of any elevation of sentiment. The people of Albania, on the furthe coast and along the Ionian Sea, are of a different blood, of a higher intelli-gence and more warlike disposition, but are generally Mahometans. The Turks divided up this country into vilayets, or Governments, without much reference to the old classical divisions of Mace-donia, Thessalonica, Greece, etc. The people, however, still cling with much obstinacy to the historic designations. In the hight of Turkish power these vilsyets of the Empire in Europe were Bosnia, Herzegovinia, Montenegro, Servia, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Rouma nia, Wallachia and Moldavia. Thes were all substantially Slavic, with the exception of Rumelia around Contsan tinople and Rumania on the north sid of the Danube, which had a large in-fusion of Latin blood owing to the ruiing policy of the Romans in settling their discharged soldiers along the Danube to make a barrier against the barbarians of the north.

## Peter the Great's Will.

The will of Peter the Great bears something of the same relation to Russian that the Constitution does to the United States; that is, it is in a sense an England, who are determined to prevent Russia from gaining the immense policy. This will sets forth the inflexible purpose of Russia to acquire Constantino
of Constantinople,

is populated by Slavs of the same blood as the Russians and Poies. It would be pean powers are no less determined that appear that the earlier population had been exterminated or driven off by the constant wars and other troubles, and that specific territory, and a great deal of her that these Slavs were encouraged by the Byzantine Government to come in trade is conducted along it. Austria, and proceeded to build a very strong navy on the Black Sea, which overpowered that of Turkey. She crossed the Danube with a splendid army in April, 1877, while another army that these Slavs were encouraged by the Byzantine Government to come in trade is conducted along it. Austria, and proceeded to build a very strong navy on the Black Sea, which overpowered that of Turkey. She crossed the Danube with a splendid army in April, 1877, while another army that the section to be something but a party in that section to be constanted to build a very strong navy on the Black Sea, which overpowered that of Turkey. She crossed the Danube with a splendid army in April, 1877, while another army went around the Black Sea, and Invading the constant process.

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PRINCE FERDINAND, OF BULGARIA.

opponent of Russian aggression.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TRURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1908.

The Crimean war was a notable illustration of this policy. In 1853 Russia thought she saw an opportunity to successfully attack Constantinople. Austria was still suffering from the troubles of 1848, when Russian arms had saved her from overthrow by the Hungarians un-





PRINCE NICHOLAS,

OF MONTENEGRO. Prussia, and the German Empire was still in a formative period. England, it was thought, would be held quiescent it was thought, would be held quiescent consin and Kansas. The wisest ones sion for Bryan in the West, especially struggle. Russia made great preparahand by preliminary troubles in Monte-negro, Bulgaria and elsewhere. She entered into an alliance with Rumania, went around the Black Sea, and invaded Turkey from the far East. After a series of battles, in which the Turks went ground the Hlack Sen, and invaded the content of the past. After a set of the past, and the past at the ground that a Republican Administration will contribute to business certainty and therefore to prosperity. The Unitarian Issue.

Still another element that promises the constantinopie, when Great Britain aroused herself, and be more of the past of the p

## REPUBLICANS MORE HOPEFUL.

The Battle is Everywhere Sharp, With Besetting Doubts and Fears on Both Sides, But Taft is Felt to Be Generally Gaining-New York and Ohio Become Pivotal-Senator Foraker.

the Democrats,

But from out West here it looks now as the Bryan could not be elected without the elected without the elected vithout their wives, to whom the states. For that reason the Presidential contest waxes in daily interest. The tial contest waxes in daily interest. The prophesies of industrial depression and are going more their way than hereto a very general feeling of sympathy for the brilliant Ohioan that his appearance as an attorney for corporations ance as an attorney for corporations. Western fighting ground, this side of the Rockles, has been narrowed down so that it now virtually comprises the

received valuable acquisitions. Austria was not disposed at first to accept Bossnia and Herzogovinia, since the Germans who rule the "dual Empire" did not want any more Slavs in it, as they had sufficient difficulties with those already in the Empire.

Occasion of the Present Crisis.

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were going to decide the election and say whether Bryan cr Taft shall be President. One sees Republicans on every side shaking their heads dubious- at all likely to go for Bryan. The pros- where the electoral vote would President. One sees Republicans on every side shaking their heads dublously about the industrial vote. Then the radical Western sentiment, which demonstrated itself in the galieries of the Republican National Convention last that the Republicans have been maken that the Republicans have been maken that the Republicans have been maken that its going to do when it gets into the votice booths. Occasionally the votice booths. Occasionally the radical was and again these reports have been offset by developments in favor of the Democrates.

Which has been conducted in all the last week before an election.

In every one of these Western States where the electoral vote would be a big perity argument, which is the most consin, Nebraska, Kansas and even in Colorado, the Republicans are now overwhelmingly in control. No one of that party in line or will be sufficiently strong to keep many who are inclined to vote for Bryan from going to the polls. This has been shown quite concarded him, as its champlon in the Colorado, the Republicans are now overwhelmingly in control. No one of the State officials. And while to the detriment of the National ticket or that will further infiame that are last week before an election.

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consin and Kansas. The wisest ones say there is no doubt about Missouri being for Bryan. He has been campaigning there to gratify a large and enthusiastic following that wanted him strong the related with the rederation. This opponition to Taft, the Republicans claim, hand by preliminary troubles in Montenegro. Bulgaria and elsewhere. She entered into an alliance with Rumania, and had a magnificent army in readiness. She had also announced that she should disregard the purpose of the treaty of 1861, and proceeded to build a very strong navy on the Black Sea, which overnowered that of Turkey. She



proving for Taft. A number of big Republican orators, who have come in that regard. The people are showing more interest, and are being convinced more interest, and are being convinced that Taft is the safest man to make

Legal and Judicial.

One topic that Mr. Bryan has eschewed in his campaign speeches thus far, and which greatly interests the Western people, is the decision of the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, declaring the commodity clause of the interstate commerce law uncon-

the arguments of Republicans that Mr. De Witt C. Loudon, who also resigned Bryan would name radical men to the Aug. 9, 1864. At the time of final mus-

ork for the National ticket.

No one who stays around the two alike, he will hardly be re-elected now. National headquarters in Chicago or save only if Ohio should give an adtravels in the States adjacent to this verse majority for Taft, and if the Ohio travels in the States adjacent to this verse majority for Taft, and if the Ohio center of political activity can overlook Legislature should, in that event, also

that account, but they are declaring on ance as an attorney for corporations every hand that the conditions are improving for Taft. A number of big come antagonistic to lawyers in public life accepting retainers from big trusts, here on their way to fill speaking dates should now be used to arguse popular prejudice against him. It is widely recognized by those familiar with publie affairs, that nearly all the prominent men in Senate and House, lawyers by profession, accepted such retainers for egal services that had nothing to do

with legislation. Those who have talked privately with Senator Foraker recently find him very bitter, indeed, and taking no interest whatever in the success of the Repub-iican National ticket. He has said that the State is undoubtedly drifting away from Taft, and that there must be a lot of hard work done to keep it from going to Bryan. At the same time he realizes that it is not his business to jump in to try to save the State to the Republicans. Accordingly, he is attending to his law practice, and watching the procession of interesting events political. His term in the Senate will not expire till after the next session of congress. Before that time the country vill probably hear further from him in ome capacity.

The 70th Ohio. Editor National Tribune: Please give ne a short sketch of the 70th Ohio

J. B. Evans, Sarcoxie, Mo. The 70th Ohio was organized at Camp Denison from November, 1861, to February, 1862, and finally mustered out Aug. 14, 1865. It was commanded by Col. Joseph R. Cockerill, who resigned April 13, 1864, succeeded by Lieut.-Col. ter-out Lieut.-Col. Henry L. Phillips was in command. It belonged to W. S.